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Brest-Expedition,

BY THE

Lord MARQUISS

OF

CAERMARTHEN.

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This may be Published,

EDWARD COOKE

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~~Line of Battle 1664~~

TO THE
READER.

IT being my Lot in the Brest-Expedition, to be on Board Their Majesties Ship, the Royal William, commanded by the Marquiss of Caermarthen, Rear Admiral of the Blue, I saw at our return to Spit-Head, His Lordship's Journal which he was sending to His Grace the Duke of Leeds; I found it was so very just, in every Particular, that I thought I should do a very acceptable piece of Service to the Publick in printing it; I therefore got a Copy of it, which, with his Lordship's Allowance, I have here published, Word for Word, without any manner of Alteration, and have made an exact Draught of the Place, and manner of our Attack.

Line of Battle, 1694

The *English* to lead with the Lar-board,
and the *Dutch* with their Star-board
Tacks on Board.

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SEA,

BETWEEN THE

*Twenty Ninth of May, and the Fifteenth
of June, 1694. With an exact and Im-
partial Relation of our late Expedition
and Attempts in Camarett Bay, near
Brest.*

MAY 29. 1694: This Day we had little
Wind, and variable, from the S. S. E.
round the Compass. In the Morning we
had the Signal for the Fleet to Weigh; but falling
calm, rode fast. Afternoon the Wind came to the
N. W. with Showers of Rain, and at Night much
Lightning.

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On the 30th. about 4 a Clock in the Morning we had the Signal for Weighing, the Wind at N. N. W. and then to N. W. We came to Sail, and about 10 a Clock Donnoze bore S. W. by W. about 5 Miles distant. At 8 at Night the Needles bore N. W. by W. about 3 Leagues distant, we standing off all that Night.

On the 31st. At 4 in the Morning the High Land of St. Albans bore N. W. of us, about 3 Leagues distant. We had little Wind at N. W. About 9 there was a Council of War held on Board the *Britannia*, where were present,

Mr. *Russel*, Admiral of the Fleet.

The Lord *Berkeley*, Admiral of the *Blue*.

Sir *Cloudefley Shovel*, Vice-Admiral of the *Red*.

Colonel *Aylmer*, Vice-Admiral of the *Blue*.

Colonel *Mitchel*, Rear-Admiral of the *Red*.

The Marquis of *Caermarthen*, Rear-Admiral of the *Blue*.

Captain *Bing*, eldest Captain to the Admiral.

Lieutenant-General *Talmash*.

Earl of *Macclesfield*.

The Lord *Cutts*.

Sir *Martin Beckman*.

Admiral *Allemonde*, Admiral of the Dutch.

Vice-Admiral *Vander-Putten*.

Vice-Admiral *Schey*.

Vice-Admiral, *Vander-Goes*.

Rear-Admiral *Everten*.

Captain *Vander-Duten*.

Where it was Resolved,

First, That the Fleet designed for *Brest* should make the best of their way for *Camarett Bay*, and Anchor there, where the Land-Forces were to be immediately disembarked, and the Fleet to remain at Anchor, till they had Advice from Lieutenant-General *Talmaff* of the Condition of the Fort on the Star-board side going in, and what Forces he might find there.

Secondly, That the going into *Brest* Water with the Fleet being taken into Consideration, 'twas not then thought advisable, to come to any positive Resolution at what time to go in, but to have that matter to be considered of, when the Fleet arrived at *Camarett Bay*.

Thirdly, That a Red Ensign on the Fore-Top-Mast-Head on Board the Admiral, and firing a Gun, was agreed upon to be the Signal for the Soldiers Imbarking on Board the small Vessels and Boats, and

and the taking down the said Signal, and firing Two Guns, the Signal for the Soldier's going from the Fleet on Shore.

But in going on Board the *Britannia*, there arose a Fogg, which lasted 'till Noon; then came a fine fresh Gale of Wind which clear'd up the Fogg; and at 8 at Night *Portland* bore N. W. by N. about 3 Leagues distant.

June 1st. At 4 a Clock in the Morning, *Portland* bore N. W. about 5 Leagues distant, the Wind at W. by S. and at 8 (the Ebbing spent) we Anchored in 29 Fathom Water, (*Portland* bearing N. & W. about 4 Leagues distant) with pleasant Weather. At 2 Afternoon we came to Sail again, and at 8 at Night the *Start* bore W. S. W. & S. about 6 Leagues distant; and at 9 we Anchored in 19 Fathom Water, with a small Breeze Northerly.

On the Second, at 3 a Clock in the Morning we Weighed, it being calm; and at 6 the *Berry Head* bore W. by S. about 5 Leagues; at half an Hour after 9 we Anchored in 25 Fathom Water, where we lay till half an Hour after 2, then Weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at 8 at Night the *Berry* bore W. S. W. about 3 Leagues distant, the Wind at N. W.

June 3. We

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Jan. 12. We had a Calm all the Morning till about 7 o'clock. Then a light Gale S.W. &c. Afternoon veering to the W. and W.N.W. At Noon we had the first sight of the English Channel. And at 3 o'clock we were about 3 Leagues, the Wind blew S.W. &c.

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to the Westward.

On the 10th of July, at 11 o'clock in the Afternoon (the Wind at N. W. and the Sun bearing N. of us, about 17 Miles distant) we parted from Admiral B. with 20 Sail of Line of Battle Ships, 10 Frigates, 10 Transports, 10 Boats, and 10000 Men. The Fleet, with the rest of the Squadron, at the same time, sailed the best of the way for the Straits, and for Cambray Bay.

On the 20th At 9 a clock in the Morning my Lord Berkeley made the Signal for a Council of War, for consulting, directing and ordering all things to be in a readiness for Landing in Casco-Bay. And,

1st It was agreed to put in Execution the Resolutions of the Council of War more mentioned, held on board the *Centurion*, the 20th of May, Admiral *Rufel* President.

2nd It was resolv'd to send a Lieutenant in each of the Ships Boats (that carry the Men on shore) to Command them.

3^{dly} If being Propos'd to go in without Flags, it was Resolv'd in the Negative.

My Lord *Carr* advis'd landing all the Grenadiers (which were about 600) a little before the rest of the Forces, that (in case the Enemy should be intrench'd, and that it should be resolv'd to attack them) we might be in a better Condition to force their Intrenchments; and also advis'd, That before they should land, a Captain, with 50 Grenadiers, might go on shore,

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to discover the Posture and Composure of the Enemy ; for 'twas his Lordship's Opinion (if their Intrenchments were very strong, and supported by Regular Troops) not to attack them, believing the thing, in such a case, not to be practicable ; but if the Grenadiers should be landed, then the rest of the Forces should bravely lend to sustain them. This Advice of his Lordship's was by all extremely well approved of, and Lieutenant General *Taken* himself agreed it should be so : accordingly it was order'd, That all the Grenadiers should be embark'd on the Well-Boats, and my Lord *Cornwallis* very honourably offer'd his Service to Command them ; which Lieutenant General *Taken* also consented to.

It was also consult'd at this Council of War, Whether we should stand in for *Cumaren-Bay* that Night (though in the Night,) And 'twas Resolv'd, To endeavour to make the Land that Evening, and to go in as far as we could in the Night. Accordingly we made sail, and about a clock in the Evening we saw *Spinnaker*, bearing S. E. half E. about 7 Leagues distant ; but at 10, so many of our Tenders and Well-Boats, besides some Ships, were so far a-stern,

that we were forced to lie by for there, till the next Morning. At Three o'clock in the Morning the Wind at N. N. E. At Four the Wind E. S. E. of us, about Three Leagues distant. At Twelve, St. Martin's Church bore N. E. by E. And at Half an hour after One the Tide of the Bay being strongly made, we were forced to come to an Anchor about a League S. S. E. from St. Martin's Point, in 12 Fathom Water. At Five the Tide of Flood being made, we weighed again, and stood in, and at Seven, came to an Anchor between Camarillo Bay, and the Bay of San Juan, in 16 Fathom Water.

In our coming in (the Wind shortning upon us) we were forced to make two Trips from side to side, before we could get to our design'd Anchoring place. In which time, we were received with Bombs from 4 Points of high Land. The first Bomb that was thrown at us, was from the West Point of Camarillo Bay, our Ship being forced (at first) to stand near that Point, the Wind being at N. N. E. so that we had several Bombs thrown at us, before we could stand off, and Good the other

other way, and after we were shot, and had
 flood pretty near the N. Shore, we were also re-
 ceived with several Bombs from an old Castle
 which stood very high upon a little Island close
 to the W. Point of Barbadoes Bay, and after we
 had tack'd again, as we were standing in to come
 to an Anchor, the other Two Points on each side
 of the Narrow, going into *Brass Road*, (one on
 the N. side, called *Point des Minors*; the other
 on the S. side, called *Point des Filles*, (which
 is the W. end of *Point Sparrow*;) play'd all their
 Bombs at us. But the Two latter could not
 throw them so far as our Ships, tho' the Two
 former did; and after we were come to an An-
 chor, they continu'd throwing Bombs at us from
 all the afore-mentioned Places, till Ten a clock at
 night, but did us no damage at all.

A little before we came to an Anchor, my
 Lord Cutt, and my self agreed to go on Board
 my Galley, and look into *Cavendish Bay*, taking a-
 long with us Sir *John Joubert*, Captain *Burns*,
 Captain *Hammond*, Mr. *Vaughan*, &c. that were
 on Board the *Royal William*, and accordingly went
 on Board my Lord *Berkely* for leave, where we
 met my Lord *Murray*, and Mr. *Whitby*, who also
 desir'd to go along with us; and having stood
 well

landed into the Bay, so as to gain a good View of it, we were warmly fired at by Camaret-Fort; but by the Assistance of those few little Guns we held in the Galley, and the good Sailing of her, we made a dash in our own Smoke to get out again, without any Damage.

And thus we returned on Board my Lord Berkeley,

and after having given an Account of the Posture of the Bay, and the Situation of its Castle, how advantageously it lay for defending the Landing-Place; it was thought fit that Two Ships of about 20 Guns each, should be sent in, in the morning to batter that Castle, and accordingly my Lord Berkeley ordered the *Musk*, and a Dutch Man of War, about the same Force, to go in for that purpose. But I (having view'd the Place) did believe that Two Ships would not be sufficient to cover our Boats at their Landing, from the Fire of that Fort, and therefore mov'd his Lordship to think of sending such a Number, as would be sufficient not only to secure the Boats from the Shot of the Castle, but also give Assistance to our Land Forces, (when landing) by playing some of our Cannon upon the Enemies Troops, which we had great Reason to believe would strongly oppose them; finding them much better

letter prepared on all sides, with Mortars, Guns and Men, than we expected: But all my Thoughts in that Matter, my Lord shortly refer'd to the Opinion of a Council of War, which he then resolv'd to call the next morning by Three or Four a Clock.

On the 8th. at Break of Day, it was a thick Calm, and so great a Fog, that we could not see half the length of our Ships from us, and continued so till between 6 and 7, at which time the day clear'd up, so that the Signal for a Council of War was easily perceived; as also that for Embarking the Soldiers, at the same time we saw drawn up in a Line, upon the High-land on the W. side of Cowes Bay, Fourteen Squadrons of the Enemy's Horse, which appear'd us to be Regular Troops, being all very well clothed.

Between Seven and Eight a Clock, the Council of War, consisting of the English and Dutch Flags, and the General Officers of the Land Forces, were assembled, and after consulting what was best to be done, for the securing our Land-Forces, on their Approach to the Enemies Shore, and to cover their Landing, 'twas resolv'd (as I

had

independent of our Lord High, the Admiralty
 within Three English, and Three Dutch Bur-
 ges more, besides the *Albat* and Dutch Man of
 War above mentioned, which were only ordered
 to guard the Port, and I (having the whole Fleet
 been in the Bay, and view'd the Post as before)
 offer'd my Service to Command the Ships ordered
 on this Occasion, which being Accepted of, I
 delivered the Command of the Fleet to the
 Lieutenant-General Officers, to go in their
 way, when we were come to an Anchor in
 the Bay, and then I did return foot enough
 to give him an Assurance of all the Difficulties
 we were to find, from our Ships, to discover
 many of the proper Landing Places, so that he
 might the better avoid those Difficulties; and
 that the Landing Place of Access; which
 was agreed on, and accordingly the Lieuten-
 ant-General appointed Monsieur *Moutiergis* to go
 with me.

In all other Matters, this Council of War a-
 greed in their Resolutions with that of the oth.
 excepting this Addition. That when my Lord
 should hoist a White Flag at the Fore-
 Top-Mast Head; all the Ships, Small Vessels,
 and Boats, should come off, and make the
 best

best of their Way, out of the Bay to him again.

Before the Council of War was ended, several of the Vessels and Boats, (in which the Land-Forces were Embarked,) came under my Lord *Berkley's* Stern, but the Mystry Weather before, and the Calm, which yet continued, hindered them from getting to that Rendezvous, so soon as was design'd, by Three or Four Hours.

I also desir'd my Lord *Berkley*, (tho' he had ordered the *Monk*, and *Danmark*, a Dutch Man of War, to go in and batter that Fort, before I came in with the other six Ships,) that he would give me leave to go in with the *Monk*, and lay her and the said Dutch-man in the most proper Stations for so doing, because neither of the Captains knew any thing of the Figure of that place, and I could easily return time enough, for leading in the other six Ships, and place them also to the best Advantage; which his Lordship granted, and agreed would be very convenient, so taking my leave of him, I went on Board the *Charles* Galley,

Galley, and hoisted my Flag there; he not being willing I should hoist it on Board the *Monk*, because he would have me take the greatest care of posting the other five Frigates as conveniently as could be to cover our Forts landings, and to annoy (as much as possible) the *Hermit's* Force, which we had great reason to believe was intrench'd on the East side of the Bay; so that to have hoisted my Flag on board the *Monk*, to have struck it again, (when 'twas absolutely necessary) to have it on board another Ship for leading in the rest to their design'd Station, would have given such encouragement to the Enemy, that they would have thought they had knock'd down a Flag Officer, or that they had done us a great deal more damage than they did.

The six Ships appointed to go into the Bay with me on this occasion, were the *Greenwich*, a Ship with Fifty-four Guns mounted, the *Charles* Galley with Thirty-two, and the *Shoreham* with Thirty-two; and the *Drakenstein* with Forty-four, the *Wesley* with Thirty, and the *Wesley* with Thirty; but the *Greenwich*, (on board of which I had design'd to have hoisted my

my Flag) by reason of the Negligence of her Commander, (whose Name is *Wegbman*) of his Cowardice, or both, had disobey'd my Orders, and came not near me all that Day, so that the best half of the *English* Force, in that little Detachment, was left behind: After I had hoisted my Flag, I called together the Five Captains, that afterwards went in with me, and gave them a good Description, by a Map, as I could, of the Bay we were going into, and how I desired they should be there Posted, and what we were then to do, Ordering them with the Five Ships under their Command to follow at such a convenient Distance from me, as that (after I had posted the *Musk* and Dutch Man of War appointed to batter the Fort) I might return time enough to lead them into their proper Stations.

Then I went on Board the *Musk*, it being about Twelve of the Clock at Noon, making the best of my way in for the Bay: But it continued yet to rain, that I was forced to get Boats to row us on our way, and as soon as we were separated a little

from the *Musk*, I sent a small Boat to view from

from the Fleet, the Enemy began to throw their Bombs very fast upon us from *Point des Fillettes*, and the *VV*. Point of *Camarett*-Bay, and after we were come within Three Quarters of a Mile of the latter, one of their Bombs broke just over our Heads, in the *Mast*, a great piece of which struck through her Poop, and Two Decks more, and came out again into the *VV*ater near one of the Stern Ports, on the Larboard-side in the Gun-Room, killing Two Marines of my own Company, and wounding a Third which stood close by me on the Poop, and soon after (which was about One of the Clock) a fine Breeze sprung up at North-*VV*est, which set us apace into the Bay, and as soon as we were come up a-brest of the *VV*est-Point, *Camarett*-Fort fir'd very fast at us; and we being forc'd

fore'd, at that time, to stand with our
 Stem right upon it, the Shot from
 thence did us a great deal of Damage;
 they, for a considerable time having
 the opportunity of Raking us fore
 and aft, (no Shot from the Fort being
 thrown at us of a less nature than a
 Demi-Cannon,) and we not able to
 bring any but our chase Guns to bear
 upon them. And after we were pret-
 ty well shot into the Bay, we were
 surpriz'd with Three Batteries firing
 upon us; which we did not perceive,
 or know any thing of, till we felt
 their Shot: two of which, as we were
 going in, was on our Starboard-side,
 one of Three Guns, and the other of
 Five, and another of Six Guns, upon
 our Starboard Bow, close by Camarero-
 Church. There was also a Redoubt
 stood pretty high behind the Fort and
 the Church, which had five or six
 Guns.

Guns mounted, but of a small nature, So when the rest of the Ships came up, finding all these Batteries so extremely defensive against us, I was forc'd to alter my former Resolutions of placing them, and after I had brought the Monk, and a Dutch Man of War, into the most proper Station I could judge, for battering the Fort, I was necessitated my self to go on board every particular Ship, that was following me, to fix some of them, so as to give Diversion to those Batteries; and the others in the most convenient Stations I could at that time get them to, for defending our Land-Forces (on their approach to the Shore) from the Cannon-shot; and also to execute our Design on the Enemies Land-Forces, and cover our own on their Descent. But I had no sooner parted from the Monk, but the

the Wind came about to the N. E. which then also made it very difficult for me to prosecute my Design ; but with getting most of their Boats together, and towing first one Ship, and then another, I made a shift, at last, to post them in such a manner, that I am very well assured, gave great Succour to our Land-Forces, and also a considerable Annoyance of the Enemy ; though not so much as they should have done, had not the Wind unluckily come about from the Westward to the Eastward.

As soon as we were come to an Anchor, Monsieur Moutergis, as well as my self, plainly perceived that the Enemy had very advantageously intrench'd themselves at every place where there was any possibility

ibility of Landing; and there was also great numbers of Foot drawn behind their Trenches, besides some Regular Troops of Horse. And as we were standing into the Bay, we saw all those Squadrons of Horse (which were before drawn up on the high Land on the West-side of the Bay) riding round, as fast as they could, to the design'd Landing-place.

As soon as we had seen these uncomfortable Prospects, Monsieur Moutergis went with all speed to acquaint the Lieutenant-General therewith; who was at that time with most of the Land-Forces pretty well advanc'd towards the Bay, (the Signal being made for the Forces going on shore as soon as I began to engage.)

I thought

I thought our Land Forces mov'd towards the Shore in great disorder, and how it happened I know not, but Lieutenant General *Talmash*, with a small number of Well-boats in a kind of confused manner, went on shore under a little Rock on the South side of the small Bay, where they landed: And I saw no prosecution of that regular way of landing, which my Lord *Cutts* propos'd, and was before agreed on; but having a great deal on my hands, and so little assistance, that I was forc'd generally to go on my own Messages, I am able to give but little account of what was done close by the Shore: Only that when I saw the Boats, and small Vessels (in which our Land Forces were embark'd) had made their retreat from thence, (excepting such as stuck fast there, in which a great many men were kill'd, and out of which others were taken Prisoners, and some jump'd into the Water, endeavouring that way to make their escape) I went with my 20 Oar-boat pretty close to the Shore in hopes to save some, and had the good fortune to take

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up several before they were drown'd; at the same time I had the opportunity to take notice of the disposition of that little Bay. The Enemy, with their making a running Fire round all their Trenches, and from every Battery they had rais'd on this occasion; and tho they also fir'd Ball at us, it presently shew'd they meant it only as a signal of their Victory, but by that means I easily discover'd how they were provided.

This was a Sandy Bay, about 300. yards in Front, and was naturally easie of access, and was flankt on the right, and left with strong Earth-works, and Cannon, and had a deep Trench of Communication, from one work to the other fronting the Water, within less than half Musquet-shot from the water-side. But according to my poor judgment in matters of this kind, the preparations they had made was such (the great number of the Troops both of Horse and Foot, which they had behind their Works to sustain them, considered) it would have been altogether im-

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impossible (had we had double our Force)
to have executed our Design.

Our Ships both at their coming in, and when anchored in the Bay made a very vigorous fire upon the Enemy for about a hour, but Cambray fort had such thick Walls and our men was so undisciplin'd and such in Market men, that I believe we did the Fort but little Damage, tho we occasion'd their men to run out of it twice, and saw their Officers driving them back again, but after that our men seeing the Boates with the Land Forces were repulsed, and forc'd to retreat, and the French Batteries firing still very vigorously on them, and every moment some of them falling, and many kill'd and wounded; great numbers of the Ships Companies that were there, both Dutch and English, ran into the Hold, in spite of all the Officers could do to prevent it.

As soon as I had dispos'd of the poor men I sav'd from drowning, I went on board the Charles Gally again, and after I had been there

there about half and hour, I saw the signal made for bringing on the Ships, and accordingly sent to every Ship to get off as fast as they could: But the greatest difficulty I had in all this Action was to have that part for which all their Rigging was cut to pieces and most of their Masts and Yards disabled, so that there was no way left to preserve them, but by towing them off with great number of Boats, and we had but very few left with this little Squadron, by reason almost all the Boats in the Fleet were forced to be made use of for the assistance of the Landforces. So that Boats being our only remedy, and depending on getting them, of most dangerous consequence, and fearing an inferior Officer might not be so speedily obey'd, I was oblig'd to go my self after the Pinnaces and Barges, carrying off some of the Officers of the Land Forces, and (disimbarking some of them) force in as many of the Boats as I could procure, timely enough, to tow off the Ships, the Boats Crews being very unwilling to go back to such a hot place notwithstanding I return'd with them, and

and then not having crows to employ in towing off two Ships at once, I first clapt them all to the *Charles Gally*, she being the farthest advanced into the Bay, and the most disabled in her Masts, Sails, and Rigging, and also her Rudder having received such an unlucky Shock, as made it wholly unserviceable to her. But by this time the *Sturgham*, whose Masts, Sails, and Rigging were not so much disabled as the rest, by the assistance of two or three Boates got out of the Bay clear of all. And after I had tow'd the *Charles Gally* so far out as that she had weathered the Rock, close by the West Point of the Bay, I took all the Boates from her but three, and brought them back with all Expedition, and clapt them to the *Monk*. At this time the *Dutch Man of War* (which I had posted with her Broad-side to the little Bay, where our Forces attempted to Land) being a great deal to windward of the rest, (and having received very little Damage, as being at the greatest distance from Cannon-fire, and the Bar-

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Batteries on the West side,) immediately
 sailed out, without the assistance of any
 Boats. Whereupon her Boats, with what
 other Dutch Boats I could meet, I sent to
 the assistance of two of the other Dutch men
 of War, which lay on the West side of the
 Bay, and in a short time, tho they were very
 much shattered, made a shift to get out. By that
 time they were out, the 44th had got up her
 Anchors; and after I had given the Fort her
 broadside (as near as I could) in a Volley,
 (the boats being all ready) I made them row
 her Head round off in that Smoke, and so
 continue rowing as fast as they could. No
 sooner was her Smoke dispersed, but the Ene-
 my (perceiving her going off) fired (I think)
 more vigorously at her than they had done all
 the time before, and (her Stern lying fair
 with the Fort) what Shot then took place in
 her, (taking her fore and aft) did her more
 damage, than she had receiv'd most of the
 shott before. She being now far from the West
 side of the Bay, and the Wind at E. N. E.
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and having no Sails to make use of, but her
 tow Courtes, all her Topmasts, Rigging, Yards,
 and her Rudder also being so much disabled,
 that she had no Steeridge, but what the Boats
 gave her, occasion'd her driving so much to-
 wards that shore, so that we were forced to
 make the Boates to tow all they could to
 windward, which laid them so open to the
 Ports Shot, which the Enemy perceiving, fired
 as fast as they could at them, and their Shot
 flew so thick among the Boats, that it dishearten-
 ed their Crews, that they gave over towing, and
 ran all of a huddle under the shelter of the Ship,
 notwithstanding all the Officers could say to do
 to encourage them, so that for their encourage-
 ment I was forc'd to go my self in my own boat,
 and tow, in the middle of them, that the Ship
 might be kept from the Rock near the point to
 the leeward of her, towards which she then
 drove very fast. I had been but a little while
 among them, before a shot struck through a boat,
 on my Right hand, which wounded a Lieuten-
 ant and one of his Men, and almost sank
 her

her, and a little while after, came a Shell in-
to a Boat on my left hand, close by me, which
killed four Men and wounded two more, and
sunk the Boat, all at once; and this so dis-
couraged my Men, that they all gave over
rowing, and began to get under the shelter
of the Ship again, so that I was forc'd my
self to fire a Musquet at them, and to take
up another to do the same, before I could
make them return to their work.

With these difficulties I made a shift to
guard the Boatman of this dangerous Rock,
and brought her off, tho she did not escape
untill it was half her Length, where
if she had struck, she would have most cer-
tainly been lost.

of which she was the first

After I had got her clear, and out of
all danger, about one but one Ship left be-
hind, which was a small Dutch Man of 30
Gunns called the *Wap*. I had some time
before call'd in several Dutch Boats to go and
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help her, but finding they had not obey'd my Order, I was going my self, when I saw two Boats put off from her side : I row'd up to them, to know in what condition She was, and found an *English* Ensign in one of them ; who told me, the Captain, with all his Officers, and Men, were kill'd, but what I saw in those two Boats ; and that the Ship had Twelve Foot Water in Hold, and was sinking : He said likewise, that half the Company he belong'd to, being accidentally left on Board with him, were all kill'd, but himself, a Drummer, and one Man more ; and seeing there was no possibility of saving her, I went immediately to my Lord *Berkeley*, who was then on Board the *Dread-nought* (where the General was carried in order to his going to *England*, for the taking care of the Wound he had received in his Thigh :) most of the Flag and General Officers of the Land Forces, being also then on Board the *Dread-nought* to see the Lieutenant General. My Lord *Berkeley* thought it very convenient to consult what was best to be done, and without making a Signal for a Council of War, he

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sent for the rest of the Flag-Officers ; and after a long Consultation, the Result was as follows, word for word.

*At a Council of War of Flag-Officers
at Sea, and General-Officers at Land,
held on Board Their Majesties Ship
the Dread-nought the 8th. of June
1694. in Camarett Road.*

OUR ill Success this Day on Shore being considered, and that the Enemy were intrenched almost in every Bay, it was considered what was now best to be done with the Fleet and Land-Forces on Board. General Talmaſh being asked, If he had Power to make any Attempt upon any other place than *Brest*, he said he had not; but proposed, if it might not be for the

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Service to send into *Brest* a Squadron of small Frigats, with Bomb-Vessels, to try to Bomb the Town; but 'twas thought by the Council of War by no means adviseable, because they could not go in without a Westerly Wind, which was now Easterly; nor could they come out again, without an Easterly Wind; so that we should be bound to stay there for them, were it never so long; besides, not knowing certainly what Forces the Enemy might have in *Brest*, it might be sending them into the Enemy's hands.

It being then proposed, what was the best place to go to from hence; *Spithead* was resolved upon, it being the fittest place to Land the Soldiers, and to re-fit our mained Ships; it was also resolved to leave two Men of War, and two Fireships off *Ushant*, to give Notice to all Ships, that came there to seek for us, where we were gone. Another reason for not sending the small Frigats with the Bomb-Vessels into *Brest*, was, That one was sunk battering the Forts, and most of the rest

rest for the present made, undersigned, Resolved to Sail to morrow Morning by break of Day, Wind and Weather permitting.

Berkeley,

Fills Schey,

Clou. Shovell,

P. Vandergoes,

Carmarthen,

Thos. Talmaish,

Fran. Allemonde,

Macclesfield,

Car. Vander Putten, Cutts.

After this Consultation was over, every Officer returned to his proper Ship.

In this Action, all the Captains (both *English* and *Dutch*) who commanded the Ships that went into *Camarett Bay*, behaved themselves with great Gallantry, and particularly

lately Captain *Warren*, Commander of the *Monk*; who not only shewed himself to be a Man of extraordinary Courage, but in all kinds behaved himself as well as 'twas possible for a Commander to do.

On this occasion most of the Volunteers on Board the Royal *William* offered me their Service, which I accepted of, and they all behaved themselves extraordinarily well, and were most of them of great use to me, particularly Mr. *Vanbrooke*, Captain *Chasseloup*, Mr. *Bonard*, and Mr. *Dixon* (my Secretary.)

Mr. *Vanbrooke* during all this Action, stuck very close to me, and in a great many things, was extremely serviceable both by his advice and otherwise.

Captain

Captain *Chassoloup* was with me both in the *Adonk*, and *Charles Galley*, in which Ships, he was often forc'd to do the Duty both of Lieutenant and Master, and without him, (he knowing the place particularly well) I should not have been able to have posted the Ships so conveniently as I did.

The *Charles Galley* having but one Lieutenant on Board Her, and he so dull a Creature, that he was very useless, Mr. *Bonard* and *Dixon* were forc'd to supply his Defects, which each of them perform'd with so much Courage and Dexterity, that without them, the Captain would have had no assistance, and the Ship have been much more unserviceable than She was.

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Mr. *Shewell*, my Chaplain, would needs go along with me likewise on this occasion, and was very serviceable, shewing a great deal of Bravery himself, and giving good Advice, and thereby great encouragement to the Seamen.

Theophilus Hodgson (my Eldest Lieutenant) went also voluntarily along with me, whose Service (had he not been with us at our going in and coming out) we should have much wanted, for besides the Service he did in general, when it was hard to find any of the *Monks* People that would attempt it, he very readily clapt a Spring upon Her Cable, by that means to bring Her Broad-side to bear on the Enemies Fort, and in getting the Ship off, he both performed the

the Duty of several Officers, as also of a common Seaman, during the whole Action, he did not only shew himself to be an extraordinary stout Man, but wonderfully active.

Mr. Ripley (the Chief Mate of the *Royal William*) was also with me, who (after the Master of the *Monk* was kill'd) did his Duty, and was a great help to us in saving the Ship.

Two young Gentlemen, whose Names were *Tankard* and *Tren*, were also very serviceable on board the *Monk* in this Action; but the latter had the Misfortune to have his Leg taken off with the very last Shot that struck the Ship, of which Wound he died in 3 or 4 hours.

The three *English* and four *Dutch* Men of War, that were then under my Command, have lost about 400 Men.

The Loss that the Land-Forces have sustained, I am not acquainted with; but 'tis reported that the Killed, Wounded and Taken, are about 700 Men.

June 9th. 1694.

Pursuant to the Resolutions of a Council of War held last Night, at Five a-Clock this Morning we came to Sail, the Wind at E. S. E. and stood out of the Bay, at Noon had Fountain-head S. S. E. four Leagues distant, falling calm till six in the Evening; then a fine Breeze at N. E. at eight at Night, the South-end of Whant bore N. by W. four Leagues distant.

On the 10th.

At four this Morning, Whant bore S. E. by S. about five Leagues distant, the Wind at E. by S. veering to the S. E. several Ships appeared in sight, which prov'd to be the Bomb-vessels and Store-ships, which we had so long wanted: Upon which there was a Council of War called, where being propos'd whether (since their Arrival) we should alter the Resolutions of the last Council of War,

War, is was resolved in the Negative;
so we made Sail for Spithead, and at eight at
Night had *Ushant* S. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. about nine
Leagues distant.

On the 11th.

Little Wind from E. S. E. to South, in-
clining to Calms. Since we took our depart-
ture last Night, we have gone N. E. se-
venteen miles distant, Latitude per Account
49 d. 18 m. departure from *Ushant* four
miles East, it being S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 38 miles.

On the 12th.

Thick rainy Weather blowing hard all
day, the Wind from E. S. E. to W. S. W.
and back to S. E. again: Our Course per
board, all Impediments allowed, is N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.
32 miles, difference of Latitude 40. N. and
Meridian distance 32 miles, Latitude per Ac-
count 49 d. 58 m. Meridian distance from
Ushant 36 Miles East, it bearing S. S. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.
28 Leag. and 2 miles; about four in the Afternoon

we hauled both Top-sails, bore up, and came to our Larboard tack till about eleven, then brought to; to the Starward again; and in bearing up, a Ship run on board us, and split our Fore-Sail, and carried away our Fore-top Gallant-mast, broke his own Spritsail-yard, which with the Sail hung to the bun of our Fore-sail, then dropt over-board: He also lost his Spritsail Top-mast, and so got clear.

On the 13th. we were 8 miles East, it being 2. 2 miles East.

At six this Morning we saw the Bolt North, four Leagues from us; at eight the Star had the same bearing and distance, the Wind is S. W. fair weather, veering to the E. S. E. At eight at night the Bill of Portland bore N. E. by E. about four Leagues, then came up with us the *Shelings* and *Newport*, two small Frigates bound for New England. All the following Night proved but little Wind.

On the 14th. we were 8 miles East, it being 2. 2 miles East.

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My Lord Baskin, during all this Expedition,

On the 14th.

At four this morning the Bill of Portland bore N. N. W. about 5 Leagues distant, the Wind at S. W. a fine small Gale: At twelve we had the Needles N. E. about three Leagues distant in the Evening, sometimes Calm, and sometimes a small Breeze at E. S. E. We drove till the Flood was done, and then anchored in 12 Fathom-water, being 12 a-clock at night, Donnoze bearing N. by W. and Cul. Cliff N. by E.

On the 15th.

At 6 this morning we weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at half an hour after ten we anchored within St. Helen's Road in seventeen Fathom-water, where we moored, Filkiker bearing N. W. ½ W. and St. Helen's Point, South Westerly.

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My Lord Berkeley, during all this Expedition, has had a great deal of unusual trouble by reason of the Imbarcations of the Soldiers; notwithstanding which, (both, by his Advice at Councils of War, and issuing of Orders, which his Lordship has done very methodically) hath behaved himself (in my Opinion) with all the Conduct and Prudence that could be expected from any Gentleman in his Station.

Lieutenant-General Talmash, the Earl of Macclesfield, my Lord Cutts, and all the Officers of the Land Forces (I think) have shown all the forwardness and readiness imaginable, for the attempting any thing that was possible to be done on this occasion.

There are no Officers of Note (that I can yet hear of) kill'd in this Action, but Monsieur Lamote, and Lieutenant-General Talmash died the Tuesday following of the Wound he received in his Thigh; but there are several Captains, &c. who are either kill'd or taken, whose Names I am as yet ignorant of.

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